Development of heritage tourism

2706. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether both Rajasthan and Maharashtra States propose to develop heritage structures to promote tourism in their respective regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some other States are also looking at developing heritage tourism;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the action plan of the Centre to help these States to fall in line with Rajasthan and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Development of Tourism including the heritage structures in Rajathan, Maharashtra and other States/UTs is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments concerned.

(e) The Ministry of Tourism extends central financial assistance to the States/UT Governments for implementation of tourism projects including development of heritage structures, which are prioritized in consultation with them, subject to *inter-se*-priority and availability of funds.

Development on new tourist spots in Andhra Pradesh

2707. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for developing new sites as tourist spots under various schemes during the last three years;

(b) the details of each such proposal;

(c) the projects sanctioned by the Ministry for developing tourism in the State during the above said period; and

(d) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the remaining proposals?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized every year